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## The Truth About William Bullitt

William C. Bullitt as much as any other man living or dead is responsible for the German war on France, and for the collapse of the French Republic.

For six years William Bullitt has been America's leading intriguer in Europe. He began his intrigues in Moscow, and while ambassador to Russia, intrigued against that country in Berlin. Failing to obtain German agreement to his plans, he shifted his intrigues to Paris, and intrigued against both Berlin and Moscow. The result of all this fanatical neurotic diplomacy aided the destruction of France.

William C. Bullitt therefore can be called a leading Fifth Columnist—using that much abused phrase in its only correct way, a reactionary who stabs a republic or democracy in the back.

## How Bullitt Defeated France

It is an unquestionable fact that William Bullitt, as American ambassador abroad, succeeded in doing these things:

1. He helped smash the Franco-Soviet pact. At one time he boasted of it.
2. He misled the French authorities with false stories about the Soviet armed forces.
3. He worked in France against the Popular Front, against democratic elements, and collaborated with the 200 Families, which turned out to be the French Fifth Column.
4. Bullitt set out to destroy the French Republic in the interests of the French reactionaries. Only the first part of his plan succeeded.

The French government's decision to disregard the Franco-Soviet pact was based on information about the supposed uselessness of this treaty because of the alleged inefficiency of Russian military power. Bullitt supplied this misinformation.

The moment he arrived in Paris, coming from Russia, Bullitt centered his diplomatic activities in intrigue against Russia.

Picturing Bullitt as the most reliably informed man on the Soviet Union, Generals Gamelin, Weygand, Petain, Politicians Daladier, Blum, Reynaud, Laval, and scores of the wealthiest and most powerful ruling families questioned Bullitt and pointed to his advice as excuse for their policies.

The Quai d'Orsay, the French state department, also used Bullitt.

Bullitt said:

That the Russian military forces were absolutely of no value.

That the soldiers would not fight (This was in 1935, four years before the attack on the Mannerheim Line.)

That Stalin would not keep his word, therefore the pact was useless. (This was several years before the German annexation of Czechoslovakia when, President Benes disclosed in America, Russia declared herself ready to march to war provided France and Britain kept the bargain.)

## Bullitt Wanted Another War

Bullitt worked both in Berlin and Paris for the severance of all relationship between these nations and Russia, and a combined war of Europe against the Soviets.

One of the things Bullitt told Daladier was that Soviet parachute troops were a joke. Pierre Cot, air minister under Blum, so Edgar Mowrer wrote in the Chicago Daily News, was training parachute troops when Daladier came in, ordered it stopped as a "Bolshevist idea."

Bullitt also is one of the advisers who persuaded the French and British to place an army of between 350,000 and 1,000,000 men in Iraq, Syria, and Turkey. That army is still there. It was not, however, in France in the hour of need when Hitler broke through at Sedan. This is another of Bullitt's great triumphs.

The foregoing statements are facts known in France, some for as long as four years, by most American journalists. Correspondents of great newspapers, including the New York Times, told the editor of IN FACT in 1937 that Bullitt was America's greatest intriguer, that he was working for a united war against Russia, that he was asking France to drop the Soviet treaty. The same facts

## Willkie, Coughlin, IN FACT

IN FACT was the first and perhaps the only publication which gave the facts about Coughlin's Christian Front and Social Justice support of Willkie. We pointed out that Willkie's magnificent statement against anti-Semitism without any repudiation of Coughlin was hypocrisy.

Aug. 27 Wendell Willkie, though cagily and with reservations, did repudiate race-hatred makers and their support of his candidacy, specifically mentioned Coughlin and Social Justice among those he repudiated.

IN FACT is glad that Willkie, to some degree at least, took its advice.

IN FACT knows that if it had 1,000,000 subscribers it could become a great force for American democracy.

## U. S. Fascists vs. Pritchett

AS everyone who helped Loyalist Spain knows, the U. S. State Department is full of pro-Hitlerites. Mussolini-men, Fascists, reactionaries of all sorts, part of the real Fifth Column in high places. Anti-labor is one of the marks of the native Fascist.

These reactionaries have fought the C.I.O. on every occasion. They are still trying to deport Harry Bridges despite a government commission's report clearing him of all red-baiters' charges. They are also keeping Harold Pritchett, president of the International Woodworkers of America, from returning to his job.

Pritchett has applied for U. S. citizenship. He returned to his wife and children in Vancouver recently, and when he applied for a 6-months visitors visa, Consul Gen'l Paul Josselyn refused him saying "your admission . . . would be contrary to the public safety."

Pritchett is a noted labor leader and anti-Fascist. Readers of IN FACT are urged to protest this injustice to Roosevelt, Hull, their senators and representatives, and others preparing this country to fight the Fascists.

## The U. S. Aids Aggression

THE Emergency Peace Mobilization Conference, meeting in Chicago over Labor Day, pointed out that if American foreign policy is to live up to promises, it must consistently defend democracy. Delegates coming from the A.F. of L., C.I.O., Railroad Brotherhoods, the American Youth Congress, the National Negro Congress, hundreds of church, fraternal and people's organizations condemned the U. S. State Department for showing no interest in democracy if that includes stopping the Japanese invasion of China.

Gallup polls have shown overwhelming (over 90%) sentiment in this country against Japanese aggression, so much so that the administration was forced to

are now being revealed in America by Pertinax, Henri de Kerilles, Mme. Tabouis and other refugee journalists.

### **France Ruined by Pact Lapse**

Mme. Tabouis, the well-known political editor of L'Oeuvre, for example, admits that the most important single reason for the defeat of France was the failure to keep alive the Franco-Soviet treaty. Its active existence would probably have kept France out of war, Mme. Tabouis says, and the failure of the (reactionary) politicians to use the pact is first on the list of causes of the defeat of France. Mme. Tabouis also knows that the one element responsible above all others for the failure of the Franco-Soviet treaty is the activity of her friend William Bullitt, but she will probably never say so. There is, however, undisputable evidence everywhere. Pertinax told the facts over the radio when questioned by Pearson and Allen.

The editors of IN FACT have read a great American document which gives all the details of Bullitt's intrigue in Berlin while still ambassador to Russia. In our issue No. 1, we said; "We cannot print the story of how William Bullitt . . . intrigued in Berlin to prevent the signature of the Franco-Soviet treaty . . . because we cannot mention our source for this fact." We will be able to do so in October.

### **Cherchez la femme**

IN FACT abhors yellow journalism, hates newspaper smearing, believes it unethical to peek into keyholes, and will therefore not name the woman in the case. But since it is an important fact for the history of our time, it must be stated here that William Bullitt was more or less tolerant of the Soviets up to a certain day when a member of the Russian Ballet informed him she did not reciprocate his affections.

History seems to have recorded many instances of unhappy love affairs affecting the destiny of nations; in living memory there is the comic-tragic story of beautiful Gaby des Lys kicking Manoel off the throne of Portugal. In the case of the American ambassador it may not have been a too serious affair, nor the most important motivation in making a renegade radical out of a Philadelphia dilettante. But it was a factor. Undoubtedly there were more important social and economic factors.

### **Before Bullitt Turned Sour**

From 1917 to 1933 Bullitt was a defender of the Soviets, and one of the men most responsible for the recognition of Russia by the U. S. This young Rittenhouse Square Philadelphia millionaire with radical ideas went to Russia with Lincoln Steffens, the greatest journalist of his time, perhaps of all time. When Steffens said "I have seen the future, and it works," Bullitt concurred. At the Versailles conference they tried to induce the Big Four to stop the blockade, withdraw troops from Archangel, invite Russia to the conference on the Wilson, House, and Lloyd George terms, which Lenin had accepted, according to Bullitt's memorandum.

Between the dates Bullitt went and returned, a White Russian leader, Kolchak, bobbed up with promises to overthrow the Soviets. Whereupon Wilson, Lloyd George and our State Department double-crossed Bullitt, even to lying outright about having sent him.

Bullitt retired to private life. He was listed in the "Red Network" because he had married John Reed's widow, Louise Bryant; actually Bullitt was inactive until Roosevelt took office.

### **Bullitt Fought Spain**

The French Republic is not the first democracy Bullitt has helped to kill. The two men responsible for the Roosevelt embargo which drove a knife into the Spanish Republic just as surely as Mussolini's stab ended France's hopes, were Ambassadors Kennedy and Bullitt.

Ambassador Bowers informed our State Department honestly and truthfully about the Fascist rebellion: he reported that 90% of the people supported the Loyalists; that the Loyalists could raise a million men; that Franco had only the professional army, no following; that the Republic could be saved if the U. S. helped its sister democracy.

Kennedy and Bullitt, fascist-minded diplomats, misinformed Roosevelt. The ancient saying, "an ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the commonwealth" was right about the lying. Kennedy had an ulterior motive. Bullitt hated the Soviets, and would not believe U. S. agents and newspaper men who informed him there were no Soviet troops in Spain. At any rate, Bullitt helped destroy the Spanish Republic by misinforming Roosevelt and by intriguing with the French against sending aid.

### **The Facts About Conscription**

There is no reliable unbiased expert opinion (dating before the Burke draft bill) claiming that the United States can be invaded. There is, however, expert testimony saying that under no circumstances can the United States be invaded. Here is evidence:

1. General Smedley Butler, only man twice decorated with the Congressional

declare a token "embargo" on scrap iron and petroleum—presumably to impede Japan. Any true embargo would prove serious, since Japan's war machine depends on the U. S. for 75% of its oil, 50% of its iron.

But the regulations as published show that the present "embargo" limits only exports of aviation gasoline, tetraethyl lead, lubricating oil, and No. 1 scrap. The bulk of Japan's U. S. imports are composed of crude and fuel oil, unaffected by the new regulations. Also Japan can still buy ordinary gasoline, add its own tetraethyl lead to produce aviation gasoline. Aviation lubricating oil can be made from fuel oil in Japan's refineries. Since No. 1 scrap is a definition pertaining only to size, U. S. can still export No. 1 scrap to Japan by mixing it with No. 2 classification. Even more alarming, U. S. defense plans call for all the scrap available, and exports to Japan threaten our industry with a serious shortage.

The opinion of delegates at the Chicago Peace Conference, which the press misrepresented and slandered, was that so long as the State Department supports aggression in one part of the world, protestations by it of eagerness to fight aggression elsewhere are open to question as to underlying motives.

### **Jones—By a Neck**

JESSE JONES, to whom the President offered the job of Secretary of Commerce, in addition to heading the Federal Loan Administration, has the reputation of being one of the most powerful and trickiest of politicians. One of his favorite stunts is to testify at a hearing attacking his enemies and then edit his testimony, suppressing what he does not want printed. Sometimes he overhauls the whole testimony.

Recently Jesse Jones did his usual trick: he testified, then asked the right to edit. Imagine his surprise when the committee secretary said the testimony had already gone to the printer.

Jones has power over billions of loans going to various congressional districts. He has only to hold up loans to some of the "big boys" and pass them the word that their congressmen are on his, Jones's, neck. The lads back home get busy and soon congressmen are eating out of Jones's hand again, and leaving his neck alone.

### **Those In Favor of Hitler**

THE present war hysteria is based on the theory that Hitler will conquer England and with the aid of Mussolini and a combined fleet invade the United States.

Nazism and Fascism are the same today as they were yesterday. Nazism and Fascism have been endorsed by leading Americans—mostly bankers, industrialists and writers for the million-circulation magazines—ever since they started.

In wartime therefore the endorsers of the enemy constitute the real Fifth Column. According to the late William E. Dodd, ambassador to Germany, who had access to the evidence, the leading Hitlerite in the United States is Henry Ford.

Another great Hitlerite is Charles E. Sorensen, general manager of the Ford Company, who told ship reporters that Germany was "in marvelous shape and looks prosperous everywhere" at a time



men were being conscripted into forced labor battalions.

### Knudsen and Hitler-Germany

WILLIAM S. KNUDSEN is the head of the National Defense Council chosen by President Roosevelt to perfect American defenses against the menace of German fascism. On October 26, 1938, Knudsen, then president of the General Motors Corporation, returned from Europe and was quoted by the New York Times: "He said that Germany has been transformed since his last visit several years ago that the Reich today was 'the miracle of the twentieth century.'"

French defenses were put in charge of Hitler's ardent admirers. And today this mistake is cited as one of the main causes of France's collapse.

### Knudsen, Enemy of Labor

THE distinguishing thing about a Fascist, American and foreign, is enmity to labor. The LaFollette Civil Liberties report No. 7 (Labor Espionage) exposes Knudsen's General Motors completely. It first quotes the G.M. statement of principles, which begin: "The management of General Motors holds that there is no real conflict of interests between employers and employees. . . . Enlightened employers and enlightened employees realize that they have mutuality of interests. . . ."

The volume concludes with the proof that General Motors was the largest employer in the United States of spies, thugs, detectives, secret agents with murder records, who spread terrorism, disrupted harmony, increased hatred of employees against employers.

All this happened during Knudsen's management.

IN FACT will continue this exposure of pro-Hitler and pro-Mussolini men in future issues.

### Who Lied About Trotsky?

THE death of Leon Trotsky in Mexico City naturally presented an opportunity for considerable news faking. It is interesting to note that the only big newspaper dedicated to honest journalism (and not perversion of the news in favor of a certain presidential candidate, or advertisers, or certain bankers with whom they are affiliated) said:

"No evidence whatever given out here (Mexico City) connects Leon Trotsky's murder with the U.S.S.R.'s secret police, the local Communist Party or with the previous attempt on Trotsky's life. . . . Physicians here believe Trotsky could not have made the death-bed political remarks exploited at his bier. In his condition he could scarcely have muttered more than a few broken words."

This story comes from Frank Jellinek, correspondent of New York's new daily, PM (and the Manchester Guardian, still considered the most honest among the commercialized newspapers of the world).

Jellinek's reputable journalism gives the lie to the phony stories sent out by Roy Howard's United Press and the usual fakery of the Hearst newspapers.

### Time Lies About Mexico

OUR correspondent, summarizing the post-election situation, says: "Many U. S. correspondents here do not lie deliberately but there are four exceptions. The newsweekly Time does deliberately twist stories in its office."

It is apparent from the foregoing and

Medal of Honor, wrote (Click, May 1940) that Germany can never invade the United States.

2. Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert N. Y. Times, wrote that the maximum force transportable if Germany had sea supremacy was 50,000; that it would require 375,000 tons of shipping; it would take half the German tonnage to supply the force; "economically and commercially the problem seems impossible; not even Britain or a combination of Britain and Germany has sufficient shipping to divert such an enormous amount. . . ."

3. The Naval Affairs Committee report says no invasion possible.

### Suppressed Document on Conscription

The present war hysteria is based on the assumption that Britain will be defeated, that the British navy will pass into Hitler's hands, and that Hitler will invade the United States via Canada or Latin America.

At no time during the debate on the Burke-Wadsworth Bill was reliable testimony given to prove that there was such an emergency, that Hitler could ever invade the United States.

The press, 90% for conscription, offered no evidence.

Everyone suppressed the only document pertinent to the situation. It is "Report No. 1615; Senate; 76th Congress, 3d Session; Calendar No. 1677." It was suppressed because it says America cannot be invaded. It is the composite opinion from the following sources: Best-informed citizens; data presented to the Committee on Naval Affairs; responsible naval experts including Admirals Stark and Leahy, chief and former chief naval operations; Admirals Cook and King, bureau aeronautics; Admiral Laning, former president naval war college; Admiral Taussig and Maj. George Fielding Eliot.

The document was suppressed because press and politicians are united for conscription. The following direct quotations from the document destroy all the arguments for conscription. The report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, printed May 15, 1940, said:

"The armies of Europe and Asia do not menace us.

"To be a menace they must be transported across the sea in ships. Airplanes based on the continents of Europe and Asia do not menace us. To threaten seriously our continental security they must be conveyed across the sea and operated from bases in or near this hemisphere.

"The armed forces of no foreign nation or group of nations can seriously threaten our continental security if we make sure that we command the seas which separate us from all potential enemies. . . ."

"We need not form military alliances to maintain a balance of power; we need not maintain large land military establishments as in Europe or Asia to insure safety for our country. We need only a navy—but a navy sufficiently strong to meet and defeat the enemy at sea before he reaches our shores—and an army and air force of sufficient strength to make our navy free to act. . . ."

"From the evidence available it appears that if we build and maintain an adequate navy, provide ourselves with adequate air power and a comparatively small, but well trained and highly efficient army, we cannot be defeated. If our fleet, supplemented by our air forces, is able to exercise control of our essential sea and air communications, our nation is secure. . . ."

"If we are to remain at peace we must avoid becoming interested financially in the outcome of the European war, and our industries must not become too greatly compromised by foreign war orders.

"Some naval experts point out that the view that we ought to fight now when we would have allies rather than take the chance of having to fight victorious totalitarian states flushed with victory at a later date is based upon an incorrect evaluation of actual military facts and military history. . . ."

"Should Germany's submarines and aircraft succeed in overcoming the greatly superior fleets of Great Britain and France and destroying British sea power, there is every reason to infer they could probably also overcome the U. S. fleet if we entered the war and sent our fleet and aircraft to operate in European waters within ready reach of short range aircraft and numerous small submarines. . . . On the other hand, it would by no means follow that German submarines and aircraft could overcome the U. S. Navy in a similar fashion provided the U. S. Navy operated from its home bases to keep hostile forces far from our shores.

"If we allow ourselves to become engaged in the war in Europe as we did in the last war, one thing is certain—the whole energies of our people of necessity will be ordered, regimented, and directed by a single authority. Everything—manpower, industrial power, wealth, production, transportation, Liberty itself—will be at the service of the Government. It makes no difference by what name such a government is called, it will assume absolute power over the life of every citizen. Bills to accomplish the above purposes have already been drafted and are probably ready for presentation to the Congress. If the proposed bills are enacted into law they would take away the individual rights of every citizen and convert this country, within a few days, into a totalitarian dictatorship. . . ."

### Navy Fears Fascist America

"Another section of one of the proposed bills authorizes the President to suspend in whole or in part listed laws of the U. S. Blank spaces are available for the insertion, during a period of war hysteria, of the titles of the various statutes to be placed at the Executive's mercy. . . ."

"All of these proposed laws and plans are based upon the false assumption that to defend ourselves it will be necessary for us to build up a huge army

and put forth an effort which will strain every national resource to the utmost. "All of this vast machinery of control, all these dictatorial powers will be unnecessary if we will do some straight thinking on the subject . . . and carry out faithfully the sound military policy of defending ourselves upon the seas.

"If we go to war again we shall be fighting to preserve our free democratic institutions. . . . Why should we go to war to defend freedom, if we must begin by destroying it with our own hands. We need not do this.

"The naval, military and air forces necessary to prevent any foreign nation or group of nations from challenging us in our part of the world are well within the power of this nation to create and maintain without regimenting all our vast resources under a single control, without wiping out our democracy, and without abandoning our American ways of life and free government."

### No Need For Conscription

The Naval Committee's report ends with 25 conclusions, which show there is no need for conscripting millions because there is no danger of an invasion. An adequate navy, it is pointed out, can defeat Japan, can repulse an attack in both the Atlantic and Pacific. Here are some of the conclusions:

"2. In a military sense the U. S. is an insular nation and can be defended upon the seas.

"3. An insular nation cannot be defeated if it is able to maintain command of the sea and air approaches. . . .

"5. The U. S. at the present time is not vulnerable to direct attack by any means whatsoever save those with which a thoroughly modern navy and air force can deal adequately.

"12. If Germany's shore-based air force should succeed in destroying British sea power it would not follow that they would be able to defeat our Navy operated in this hemisphere. . . .

"21. We can, if we have to, defeat Japan. . . ."

The report declares that "basic facts may change." But Senator Walsh wrote Aug. 24: "I submit that nothing has since transpired to alter the validity of the foregoing conclusions."

### What Conscription Means

The vital features of the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill, now pending in Congress, go unreported in the press. For the information of IN FACT readers, they are listed below with comment drawn from criticisms made during the Senate debate:

1. Compulsory registration of all males between 21 and 31. This is the heart of the bill, setting up a vast passport system similar to that in force in Germany. A direct threat to the American way of life.

2. Compulsory military training for 12 months, which can be extended indefinitely. American youths would lose the right to determine their own futures. Any man could be transferred to the army or navy without his consent, for compulsory service for 10 years.

3. No constitutional and enforcing provision requiring employers to re-hire drafted men when they are discharged. The press has played down this feature, assiduously giving the impression that re-employment was assured.

4. A man can be conscripted to any branch of service, without his consent. This was deliberately obscured by the nation's press.

5. The bill provides for a monthly pay of \$30, with no provision for the millions of families whose income will be reduced and whose lives will be disrupted.

6. Constitutional rights to fair trial would be eliminated for the conscripted, with the court martial substituted for a trial by jury.

### A Hit Every Time!

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from our report from Hiram Motherwell, who reported on the elections, that Time's correspondent in Mexico City is honest, but that his truthful despatches are faked in the office of Time.

Motherwell (formerly Chicago Daily News man in Rome) shocked by Time's mishandling of news, wrote a protest which Time did not print. It sent instead a letter saying it had a responsible journalist who made a careful examination. In Mexico, however, Time's man tells everyone the office changes his stuff.

Time is pro-oil companies always, therefore anti-Mexican democracy. Therefore Time (and Luce's Life also) frequently fake the news about Mexico.

### 98% Suppressed; 1% Buried

WITH no exception we know of, the beauty cream industry has had complaints, cease and desist, fraud orders, issued against it by the Federal Trade Commission. One percent of the press prints the news, 1% buries it, 98% suppresses it because it means loss of ads.

Aug. 26 the FTC issued complaints against Helena Rubinstein Inc. alleging misleading representations of "Town & Country Face Powder," "Eye Lash Grower cream," "Egg Complexion Soap." The Times buried the news in its financial pages. PM, which takes no ads, uses FTC items. The rest of the press suppresses, but denies the press is commercial.

### Nye Calls the N. Y. Times

FIVE years ago an editorial writer of the New York Times lied about Senator Nye when he said that Nye had shaken hands with J. P. Morgan and found Morgan not guilty of dragging the United States into the (first) World War. The Nye Committee found that the bankers, especially Morgan, got the nation into a financial panic which made a war declaration (for commercial purposes) necessary.

Aug. 27 the Times sneered at Nye for saying America could not be invaded. Nye called the Times. He quoted as one of his authorities the military expert of the Times, Hanson W. Baldwin.

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